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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows, prior to the calculation of the fees.

In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicants have attached a copy of the amended claims on a separate page, with the claims marked to show deletions by bracketing and insertions by underlining.

*A* 5.(amended) The interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly according to claim 1, wherein the block-interlocking means comprises male and female interlocking means.

*Sbc* 7.(amended) The interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly according to claim 1, wherein the blocks provide void space to house stability and stiffening means in both horizontal and vertical directions.

*A* 8.(amended) The interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly according to claim 1, wherein the blocks provide for the construction of door and window openings.